(b) if so, the details of the new strategy worked out, if any?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Disinvistment of Air India was delayed because of factors, which have been stated in Parliament. After the withdrawal of Singapore Airlines, the Tata Group has stated that they are reviewing the situation. Government will consider the subsequent course of action after it hears from them.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Achievement of disinvestment

13. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the assessment of achievement, so far, made by Government regarding their ambitious disinvestment target of Rs. 12,000 crore in Budget 2001-2002; and

(b) the reasons for unsatisfactory result, so far?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRIARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) No precise estimate of achievement can be made at this stage. Success of disinvestment and the amount realized depend on a variety of factors. However, to accelerate the place of disinvestment, a time-schedule has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Disinvestment in respect of 13 public sector enterprises. Secretaries of the Administrative Ministries are to ensure that the time-schedule is adhered to. A progress report is submitted to the CCD at each meeting in regard to each of the 13 enterprises.

Monitoring of progress on disinvestment of PSUs

14. SHRI KUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to closely monitor on a monthly basis the progress made on disinvestment of 13 PSUs selected for the current financial year;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the administrative Ministries under whose jurisdiction these PSUs fall would sort out issues adhering to the timeframe; and

(c) the improvement made, so far, in regard to these PSUs?